



## Introduction

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. This funding aids state, local, and Tribal governments in their response and recovery efforts resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Nevada Governor's Office recognizes the impact COVID-19 has had on long term care services, particularly the frontline workforce. To help address recruitment and retention challenges long term care providers have experienced, the Governor's Office has authorized a one-time payment to qualified Nursing facilities which will be distributed by the Nevada Medicaid also known as the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP).

## Who is eligible for the one-time payment?

This one-time payment is available to:

- Nursing facilities licensed by the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (BHCQC), Division of Public and Behavioral Health;
- In good standing with BHCQC; and
- Participate in the provider tax program.

## How to use the funding

According to the [Final Rule](#) through the United States Treasury, the ARPA funds through the SLFRF program can only be spent on activities that fall within the following three categories:

1. **Recruitment and Retention**- Salary bonuses or incentives to help create a more competitive health care workforce and retention the existing workforce.  
\* Note- all retention incentives must be in addition to an employee's regular rate of wages and cannot be used to reduce or substitute for normal earnings.
2. **Workforce Shortage Needs**- Additional funding for overtime and cost associated with the use of temporary staffing agencies.
3. **Training and Education Costs**- Activities that comply with state and federal education/training requirements and increased infection control requirements from the pandemic.

The funding can be used for prior expenditures incurred during the Public Health Emergency effective January 27, 2020. Any provider who accepts the one-time payment must spend all of the funds by October 1, 2023.

## Audit

Upon disbursement of the funds, the DHCFP will be conducting an audit to ensure that funds were spent in accordance with the requirements. There will be a reporting template and back up documentation will also be required to demonstrate how the funds were utilized within the categories.

## How payments are calculated

The DHCFP was awarded approximately \$10,000,000 to distribute a one-time payment across eligible licensed Nursing Facility providers. The allocation for each facility is based on a facility's reported bed days for Quarter 2 State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 annualized across four quarters and multiplied by \$5.69 per bed.

Any unallocated funds will be returned to the Governor's Finance Office.

### **Controller's Office**

Prior to submitting an application for the one-time payment, a non-Medicaid provider must first register with the State of Nevada Controller's Office to obtain a vendor number. More information on how to register with the Controller's Office can be found on their website- [Electronic Vendor Registration \(nv.gov\)](https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/LTSS/AmericanRescuePlan).

### **How will the one-time payment be made to providers?**

- **Eligibility** – Licensed nursing facilities in good standing.
- **What** – One-time payment based on an applicant's bed days for Q2 SFY 2023.
- **When** – Applications will be accepted starting March 1, 2023 through May 30, 2023 (90-days)
- **Distribution** – Upon approval of the application, the DHCFP will process the payment which can take up to four weeks. An award letter containing the amount of the one-time payment issued to the applicant will be emailed.
- **Unspent funds**- if the funds cannot be expended as specified, any unspent funds must be returned to Nevada DHCFP. To start that process the applicant should e-mail: [AmericanRescuePlan@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:AmericanRescuePlan@dhcfp.nv.gov).

### **Where can I find additional information?**

Visit the Nevada Medicaid ARPA webpage <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/LTSS/AmericanRescuePlan> or send questions to [AmericanRescuePlan@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:AmericanRescuePlan@dhcfp.nv.gov).